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It is intended and expected to make it not only readable and interesting, but invaluable to every citizen of the country.

Nothing will be admitted to its columns that is unworthy of a cordial welcome to every family circle. It will be enlarged as soon as the subscription list will justify it. Price \$3 a year in advance.

Settled clergymen in the county and all public school teachers in the county will receive the paper gratuitously on sending their address.

The last volume closed with a circulation of 1,500 copies, extending to every part of Essex county. It should prove a valuable medium for advertisers. Subscriptions and advertisements will be received in Montclair, by E. Madison; in Caldwell, by M. Harrison; in Verona, by W. L. Scott; in Franklin, by J. H. Osborn; in Newark, by W. H. Winans, 445 Broad street, and at our office in Bloomfield or by mail to Wm. P. Lyon, Editor and Proprietor, Bloomfield, N. J.

Any church notices or other important notices for Bloomfield or Montclair will be in time if left at our office on Thursday mornings before nine o'clock, or if handed to the Bloomfield Station Agent, Mr. Somerville, at the Morris and Essex depot, enveloped to our address, or to the Bloomfield Station Agent on the Midland Railroad.

SENSATION.

Our is not a sensational paper. We aim to record established facts of interest, and to tell simple truths. Time is too precious to permit it to be trifled away in exploring columns of worthless matter that has neither pith, nor interest, nor wit, in search of an item which we would regret to have lost. With this conviction we carefully scan, and analyze, and weigh everything admitted into the GAZETTE that our readers may be sure that there is nothing but what is well worth reading, and in many cases of seriously pondering. If we chose to pander to the base sentiments and center for the emotional feelings and the wonder-seekers, we might attract the ignorant and gossipping crowd, but we should not thus satisfy our intelligent scruples respecting right and wrong. We want our journal to be USEFUL—we desire that it shall be a medium of good to all its readers. We hope it is not merely a bearer of naked truths and specific facts, but a suggester of thought, a developer of opinion, and instrumentally an important aid in the discipline of education of mind and morals in every department of living practical interests in our progressive community.

A JERSEY SENSATION.

Under the above caption a reporter for a metropolitan paper works up and sets a travelling story which, before it has found a resting place, is probably to employ hundreds of type-setters, at a cost of—who can estimate how much valuable time and money!—and the reading of which will occupy hundreds of thousands of readers with a profuse consumption of millions of moments. As it is connected with our highly favored locality and is already en route in its unenviable tour through newspaperdom, we feel it necessary to subjoin the following facts which may be relied on:

On the 13th inst. a Mr. Blakeney who was on a visit to his father's, Dr. Blakeney of Caldwell, in this County, while sitting in his chair, suddenly fainted, or became paralyzed and slipped down to the floor in unconsciousness. His sister was in the room at the time and sprang to his assistance, but was not greatly alarmed as he had experienced a similar attack three weeks before. The doctor being summoned, on examination, pronounced him dead.

The family remembering his former prostration and recovery, and the marvelous experience of two of his kinsfolk—a brother and sister, in another family, one of whom, having died as was believed, was placed in a receiving vault and two weeks afterward revived and lived four years, and the other after six days in receiving vault revived and was found standing at the door, and lived two years—thought it best not to bury this corpse immediately, and on the 19th instant placed the body in the receiving vault of the Bloomfield Cemetery. At the same time Mr. Arthur O'Hara, the keeper of the Cemetery, was engaged to keep vigil watch, visiting the vault several times a day. The father, mother, wife and sister visited the body on Monday last, but finding no perceptible change, the watching is continued till further orders.

The immense door-plates worn by the ladies on their belts might be utilized by engraving thereon the wearer's name, age, and residence, fortune and expectations, whether heart free or engaged. It would save some gentlemen the trouble of making inquiries.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The SUBSCRIPTION YEAR of the old subscribers, with a few exceptions, will expire on the 13th of February. Many have already renewed, and we earnestly hope that we shall not be obliged to part with any of our subscribers. They will be expected to pay only for 10 months so that all subscriptions will hereafter terminate with the calendar year.

WANTED—An unlimited number of new subscribers. Every resident of Montclair and Bloomfield will find it to their interest, we confidently think, to support the GAZETTE. Have not our readers always had a full *quid pro quo*? Who could not well afford to pay the small sum of \$2 a year to have such a weekly paper as a medium of communication at home, and an exponent of our towns abroad?

We are most happy to call attention to the several dentists whose advertisements appear in our columns. They are all gentlemen thoroughly educated and skilled in their profession, and well known to many of our readers.

See notice of People's Savings Bank, Newark. This institution is worthy of confidence, and, being opposite the Morris and Essex depot, is convenient to all residents on the line of the Bloomfield railroad.

The North Ward National Bank, Newark, directly opposite the Morris and Essex depot, is steadily winning its way to popular favor with our business men and others. A large number of our readers, as we know, already have accounts there, much to their satisfaction and convenience.

The full account we give in this issue of the Montclair High School is the result of our personal inspection and will, we hope, attract the attention of our readers. If any desire an extra copy of this number it can be had at Madison's book store in Montclair.

HOME MATTERS.

Our issue for next week and the week following will be largely occupied with honest but glowing accounts of Bloomfield and Montclair, representing their intrinsic merits, superior attractions and exceeding desirabilities as a place for country homes, villa residences, rural retirement, etc. We shall print an extra first to accommodate those who wish to send an extra copy to friends in Newark, New York and elsewhere, and second to furnish those who wish to advertise their Real Estate with facilities for giving their announcements greater circulation and publicity under most favorable auspices.

Now—We would request those, who can and will, to send us immediately, written descriptions of either town, or any section or feature thereof, with their reflections upon the same.

Also those who wish to advertise in these two numbers, or longer, to furnish us copy at once. The price for advertisements 2 weeks, will be \$1.50 for one square (1 inch); \$2.50 for two squares (2 inches). Larger spaces, or longer periods will reduce the relative charge. Each special advertiser will be entitled to ten extra copies for distribution.

Citizens of Bloomfield and Montclair, let us have your co-operation in this measure and we doubt not our towns will reap the fruits. Readers will do well to call attention of their friends to this plan.

BLOOMFIELD.

PARISH MEETING.

The adjourned Parish meeting of the Presbyterian Church, met on Tuesday evening to consider a report from the new board of Trustees and their proposed plan to meet the current expenses of the Church.

The attendance was large and deep interest was evinced. The report of the Trustees was read by Mr. John F. Folsom, and consisted in a new departure, a radical change from the plan hitherto pursued. It proposed to abandon the annuity system and virtually adopt the free pew system, or what may be better understood as the voluntary plan. Cards are to be furnished to every pew, on which the occupant is expected to state the amount he will consent to be liable for the year, to be collected from him by instalments, on the first Sabbath in each month to be put in envelopes supplied for the purpose.

It is thus left to the enlightened and scrupulous conscience of each member to determine for himself what should be his share of the total expense, which it is understood will this year be \$7,000.

It is not doubted that this question will be wisely and righteously settled, in a great degree proportioned to the ability of each member.

This scheme of the trustees was discussed with marked ability and evident approval by Hon. Amzi Dodd, Rev. Dr. Coe, and Messrs. C. Peloubet, A. T. Morris, J. Banks Reed, Doctor J. A. Davis, etc., and was adopted with perfect unanimity.

If this plan succeeds, as we feel much confidence that it will, the new Board of Trustees will furnish the best possible assurance of both their wisdom and their courage.

A resolution was also adopted authorizing the Trustees to sell the old parsonage property for twenty thousand dollars, which sum is offered for it, and to convey the title to the same. After that they are to call another parish meeting to take action respecting a new parsonage.

It has also been decided by the Trustees to discontinue the employment of a choral quartette in the gallery. They have engaged Mr. H. H. Biddleigh as Pianist and Mr. Theodore H. Ward as organist, and some hope by this arrangement to encourage congregational singing.

The curriculum of study includes two courses; one, called "Regular," embraces Mathematics, Physiology, Book-

BLOOMFIELD POOR.

Pursuant to the call in our last week's paper, the ladies of the village gathered in goodly numbers on Monday, in the Church Parlor of Westminster Church, to consider what effective provision could be devised to relieve the needy and deserving poor this winter. Cases known to different ladies, were mentioned, and the importance of a systematic plan was urged by which the liberal offerings of the people might be gathered and dispensed wisely and humanely without reference to section or Church. Suggestions were freely made and duly considered, and all seemed to feel encouraged and confident that if a permanent organization were effected at once, it would lead to satisfactory results.

Resolutions to this effect were unanimously agreed to, and the following officers elected:

Mrs. Jas. A. Heddon, President.
" Rev. Dr. Coe, 1st Vice-President.
" D. G. Garlant, 2nd Vice-Pres.
" Reuben N. Dodd, Secretary.
Miss Anna Ward, Treasurer.

A large executive committee was also elected, whose names we were not able to learn. They were expected to meet yesterday and will probably furnish the public a detail of their plans through our next issue.

MONTCLAIR.

On Monday morning about 4.30 the smoke chimney of the Engine-house of the D. L. & W. R. R. in this place was discovered on fire. The engine whistle was blown long and loud and at last succeeded in gathering about a dozen persons together. The roof being slate the fire was confined to the chimney which was made mostly of wood. A little effort soon subdued the flames, which if it had not been so timely would have done considerable damage.

Professor Edward S. Morse, of scientific celebrity, and who has just completed, with flattering success, a course of popular illustrated lectures on Natural History, has been engaged by the Montclair High School to deliver a lecture on the same subject here on Saturday evening, 14th of Feb. The Single Lectures of Professor Morse are especially prepared for audiences of the most general character, are in every way popular, and are brought within the easy comprehension of every one.

THE MONTCLAIR HIGH SCHOOL.

This institution is the pride of our town. The new addition in front has added largely to its architectural appearance, as well as to its capacity and convenience. The building is very substantially built of brick; is two stories high, with a large Assembly hall, and ample class rooms; all having high ceilings and being well-heated and well ventilated, to which special attention has been given. Individual desks are furnished for all the students in the upper school. Ample facilities are made for ingress and egress. No less than six entrances are provided, two of which, are at the foot of wide stairways to the second story. Six of the largest classes, including the younger pupils, have their rooms on the first floor.

Undue crowding of scholars in the passages is thereby avoided, as well as certain safety in the event of any possible alarm and panic. A good beginning has been made in collecting a Mineral Cabinet, a Philosophical Apparatus and a Library.

A fine chance now for some of our large-hearted townsmen, to indulge their generous impulses, by contributing a sufficient sum to render each of these fountains of knowledge, an affluent and perennial spring, supplying to the thirsty minds of ambitious youth, intellectual beverage to the end of time.

The school numbering 427 pupils has three departments—Primary, Grammar and High School. Miss Abby M. Munro, Miss Louise W. Crane and Miss Adele Tracy are the teachers of the Primary school. There are 197 names on the record of this school.

The Grammar school embraces 165 pupils, taught by Miss Nottie Boyce, Miss Belle Bovee and Miss Stella Bovee.

The High school has 65 students, comprising many of the first young ladies and young gentlemen of the town. The teachers are Miss Anna H. Brown of Cleveland, where she had a very successful experience as teacher and Mr. R. W. Conant, a graduate of Yale College. Mrs. Sarah J. Churchill, a lady of superior musical talent and much experience as an instructor, teaches and drills all the classes in vocal music, in which we believe many of the pupils are becoming quite proficient. The whole direction of the schools devolves upon Mr. Jas. P. Gross, A. M., a graduate from Bowdoin College and a thorough teacher of much experience. The classes are well organized and under judicious and complete discipline. Everything seems to work in beautiful harmony and in most quiet and regular order. So much for the superficial manifestation to the observer.

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NEW-JERSEYDOM.

The Presbyterian Church at Pennington, N. J., took fire on the 25th inst., at 12.30 p.m., from a defective flue, and was entirely destroyed. No other buildings were damaged. Loss, twenty-five thousand dollars.

It is expected that the Watchung Railroad, which is to connect West Orange with New York, will be in running order early in the Spring. The laying of the track will be completed in about ten or twelve days.

During the past season 1,000 tons of grapes were grown at Vineland, from which 12,000 bottles of unfermented wine were made for communion and medicinal purposes.

The total length of New Jersey railroad lines is 1,548 miles, of which forty and a half were built during the last year.

A special meeting of the Newark Common Council was held to hear the reports of the Committee appointed to consider the subject of annexing suburban towns. The committee reported adversely and recommended that the City of Newark be cut off from Essex County, and called City and County of Newark. The matter was referred to a special committee of five.

SABBATH SERVICES.

SERMON BY REV. DR. COE AT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, BLOOMFIELD, SUNDAY MORNING, JAN. 20TH.

Text—"What is man that thou shouldest magnify him and that thou shouldest set thy heart upon him? and that thou shouldest visit him every morning and try him every moment?" Job 7:17-18.

Topic—Life a period of constant trial, God's providences always disciplinary.

Though we took ample notes it is impossible to do justice to this discourse and to the able minister, without writing it out in full, which we have neither time nor space for.

After suitable preliminary remarks, the Rev. Doctor went on to show how God's laws in the organization and his providences in the government of the world were adapted to this very purpose. He had made provision for it in the constitution he had given us. Man is made expressly for trial. When God placed him in the world the gates of paradise were left open to the tempter. Whether conscious of it or not, man is constantly tried. From early childhood he is surrounded by evil influences that would lead him in every way, and by good influences that would combat the bad. The agents God employs are numerous at all times; sometimes one has the ascendancy and then another. It may be sickness, or pecuniary losses; if not these, death may come near and rob us of a dear friend. Another escapes all these. Then it may be poverty and dependence, or just the opposite, wealth, may be his trial, or even the happy medium for which Agar prayed. There can be no situation or condition that is not attended by its designed or appropriate trial. The Doctor expatiated most eloquently at this point on the necessity and advantages of trials varied and adapted and of constant recurrence. He alluded also to many other occasions of trial arising from the perversity, viciousness, or malice of others, exciting our anger. Then is the time to erouse our grace. "He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty, and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city." God would try your integrity of purpose and your fidelity of trust. The future, it is true, is shrouded in darkness and uncertainty. You cannot but feel responsibility and concern for your children and other trusts committed to you. It is God's purpose to convince you of your insufficiency and of your need of his guidance and help.

In the second place, continued the Rev. Doctor, what are the ends to be secured by these trials?

Jehovah's moral government is being tested and established.

But the Christian is liable and prone to form an incorrect estimate of himself. Trials in his case tend to undeceive him; they give him a chance to test himself, to prove the genuineness and excellence of his experience and hope, while at the same time they expose the false hope of the self-deluded and the hypocrite.

Even the trials of the Saviour vindicated His integrity, His purity and the power of divine grace which imbued every faculty of His soul. So the Christian's trials while they increase his strength of character and refine his graces illuminate his pathway and fill his heart with joy and gladness. Instance the test and effect of Abraham's obedience in sacrificing his son; of Job's immovable patience; of Daniel's defiant courage; of Moses' self-denying sacrifice; and of the many Christian martyrs that have attested their loyalty to God and proved the sincerity and power of their faith at the stake, in the dungeon, on the rack or the scaffold, in the face of the most appalling trials ever known, exhibiting the transcendent beauty of the Christian character.

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During the same year (1872), there were shipped from the collieries of England and Wales, more than 150,000,000 tons, to which should be added 7,000,000 tons as the amount used in the mines in raising the above. About 40,000,000 tons are consumed in the iron industry alone. 73 per cent will represent the amount used in manufactures; 15 per cent. for domestic purposes, and 10 per cent. for exportation.

The importance of our Public Schools; how shall their usefulness be increased?

Rev. J. L. Danner, East Orange.

Teachers' Institutes—Col. J. B. Baker, Principal of the Public School, East Orange.

Address—Orthography—Prof. C. M. Davis, A. M., County Superintendent.

Length of time Work in Schools—Rev. J. B. Harrison, Montclair.

Arithmetical Teaching—Prof. A. C. Agar, State Normal School, Trenton.

Language Teaching—John P. Gross, Principal High School, Montclair.

Reading of the Paper, by one of the Editors—T. A. Little, Principal Public School, Verona.

For order of the Executive Committee.

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FLORIDA CORRESPONDENCE.

Enterprise possesses a large well-kept hotel, the Brock House, the headquarters of the sportsmen who rendezvous here to perfect their arrangements for excursions into the surrounding country. Small steamers, sail boats, etc. can be chartered there at moderate rates, with experienced persons to guide the stranger through the hunting grounds, or to the best fisheries on the Indian river.

No part of the United States, nor of North America, affords finer sport than Florida. Game of all kinds abounds. It is during the cold seasons, when the Northern sportsmen are confined in doors that the game is most plentiful in Florida. Deer, bear, wild cats, raccoons, opossum, quails and curlews are plentiful, and offer fine hunting, while the rivers, bays and lakes invite the stranger to the pleasure of the rod, filled as they are with schools of the finest fish.